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SUBJ: HEALTH ATTACHE MEETINGS WITH WHO DDG LAMBO AND DR LING,
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1. MISSION HEALTH ATTACHE MET WITH WHO DDG LAMBO YESTERDAY TO GET IMPRESSIONS HIS RECENT TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH USG OFFICIALS; IN PARTICULAR, WITH DHEW CONCERNING WHO DRUG DEPENDENCE UNIT UNDER DR GEORGE LING.

2. DR LAMBO BEGAN BY STATING DR LING WOULD SOON LEAVE WHO TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, AS REPORTED REFTEL. BOTH LAMBO AND MAHLER PLEASED WITH LING SELECTION AND COMMENTED HIS APPOINTMENT SHOULD ENSURE BETTER WORKING RELATIONS IN DRUG FIELD BETWEEN WHO AND PALAIS.

3. DR LING HAS ALREADY GIVEN LAMBO NAMES OF TWO CANADIANS AS POSSIBILITIES HIS REPLACEMENT. LAMBO NOT SYMPATHETIC TO ANY US REPLACEMENT FOR LING, COMMENTING THERE ALREADY IS ONE AMERICAN IN DRUG UNIT (DR HUGHES) AND ANOTHER UNDER CONSIDERATION TO REPLACE DR CHRUSCIEL (DR TOCUS). NO REFERENCE MADE TO EARLIER CANDIDACY OF DR KHAN FOR CHRUSCIEL SLOT MENTIONED BY LAMBO TO
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MISOFF PRIOR HIS U.S. VISIT.

4. CONCERNING DRUG DEPENDENCE UNIT IN GENERAL, LAMBO STATED HE HAD BEEN FRANK FURING DISCUSSIONS WITH DRS DUPONT AND BROWN (NIMH) AND WITH AMBASSADOR VANCES'S OFFICE, POINTING OUT THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING HIS AWARENESS WHO DRUG RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER PSYCHOTROPIC AND OTHER CONVENTIONS, WHO DIES NOT VIEW DRUG ROLE IN SAME WAY NIDA DOES. HE REFERRED TO DRUG UNIT AS ONE OF SEVERAL COMPONENTS OF OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH), NOT ENTITY IN ITSELF, AND STRESSED BALANCE MUST BE RETAINED. THIS IS REPEAT OF VIEWPOINT COMMUNICATED TO DR DUPONT IN GENEVA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO BY DR SARTORIUS, OMH HEAD.

5. LAMBO FURTHER STATED HE INFORMED WASHINGTON WHO "ABSOLUTELY UNABLE" TO BUDGET FOR EXPANDING NUMBER OF SLOTS IN DRUG UNIT BECAUSE OF "FINANCIAL STRINGENCIES". HE ADDED: "HOWEVER, WE HOPE TO GET MEMBER STATES TO HELP US FINANCIALLY, SWEDEN, U.S., OTHERS". NO FURTHER DETAILS.

6. CONCERNING DR TOCUS, LAMBO SAID HE WOULD SEND CABLE TO FDA TODAY ASKING THAT TOCUS BE SENT OUT GENEVA FOR 2-3 WEEKS' WORK IN DRUG UNIT AT WHO EXPENSE. HAVING MET TOCUS IN WASHINGTON, LAMBO EXPRESSED HIGH REGARD FOR HIM BUT CAUTIONED WHO UNABLE TO HIRE HIM FOR CHRUSCIEL SLOT WITHOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM US. AGAIN NO DETAILS ON HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE OR HOW TO BE GIVEN.

7. ON US FUNDING POSSIBILITIES, DR LING TOLD MISOFF PRIVATELY, AFTER LAMBO MEETING, THAT DURIGG HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT DEP SEN. ADV. TO SEC. FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS, DAVID ERNST, HAD INDICATED US ".MAY BE IN GOOD POSITION TO FUND ONE SLOT". IN DRUG DEPENDENCE UNIT. LING SAID HE HAD SO JUST INFORMED DR LAMBO BEFORE HEALTH ATTACHE MEETING.

8. COMMENT. MISOFF SAW DR LAMBO ON HIS FIRST DAY BACK IN GENEVA AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS' ABSENCE. LAMBO AGAIN LEAVES GENEVA FOR PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND LONDON ON NOV 16 AND WON'T BE BACK UNTIL NOV 29. ON DEC 8, HE LEAVES FOR ROMANIA AND GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, NOT RETURNING TO GENEVA UNTIL DEC 20. HE MENTIONED HE WAS EXTREMELY BUSY AND SHOWED NATURAL TENSIONS DURING MEETING, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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SOMEWHAT ANTI-US ATTITUDE, E.G.: "TOO MANY AMERICANS IN WHO". "US SHOULD REALIZE IT HAS ENOUGH FRIENDS IN WHO NOT TO BE PUSH-ING US TOO AGGRESSIVELY". "I MADE IT CLEAR IN THE US WE HAVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND CANNOT AT THIS TIME INCREASE SIZE OF DRUG UNIT". "NO DOLLARS, NO TOCUS". HE ENDED MEETING ON NOTE HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, HAD IN HIS OPINION, BEEN SUCCESSFUL. DALE

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